

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to office action rejecting claims 1,2,4, and 5 as being anticipated by U S Patent 2,399,498 to Messick:

Claim #1: Has horizontal (7) ring with multiple helicoil springs to engage baskets and are not directly attached to the primary material.

Claim #2: The device has a horizontal (7) ring at the top of the vertical (5) shaft that is formed by bending the primary material into a ring (7).

Claim #4: This device has a pointed or tapered end (14) for insertion into the ground.

Claim #5: The container sits into or upon the horizontal (7) ring of this device.

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In response to office action rejecting claims 1,2,3, and 5 as being anticipated by U S Patent 3,273,841 to Cota:

Claim #1: This device as anticipated is a single use product to be discarded after a single use.

Claim #2: The vertical (18) and horizontal (11) shafts are made of flat material and the horizontal (11) shaft is made to fit under the container being anchored, the vertical (14) shaft has a narrow tapered end (14) for insertion into the ground.

Claim #3: The hook (30) is made of a flat material and has a slidable member with a finger securing the receptacle that can be locked.

Claim #5: This device is adjustable so that one device may serve to accommodate various receptacles.